

ADAM'S LONELY BOYHOOD.

AN AFFECTING PICTURE OF THE ORIGINAL MARRIED MAN.

It is rather difficult to conceive Adam as a boy, we admit, owing to the popular superstition that has painted him coming into the world full grown, with whiskers and moustache complete, and the prevailing belief that there wasn't a boy in the world until Eve came and raised the Old Boy with Adam; yet we prefer to think of our ancient progenitor as having had something of a boyhood, and we suppose we have as good a right to theorize upon the subject as any one else.

Adam was probably as mischievous naturally, as boys generally are. In fact, Darwin says he was a "perfect little monkey," which, we believe, is a synonym for mischievousness the world over. But he had no companions in his gambols. If he stayed out after dark and got to cutting up, it was all by himself. And what sport could he have ringing door-bells without a lot of other boys to scamper away with? And consider the melancholy fun of fastening cords across the walk at night with nobody to trip over them.

We can imagine young Adam, with all the instincts of a boy two inches thick in his nature, looking about for some way to divert himself as other boys do, and whimpering to himself: "Can't have any fun."

Of course he couldn't by any possibility have any fun. No fun running away from school, or stealing off to go in swimming, because there was no one to lick him when he got home. No fun sneaking up into the haymow to indulge in a surreptitious game of eucure—always had to "play it alone." He couldn't play "tag," because he might yell, "I've got the tag" all day, and there would be no one to come and take it away from him. "Hi-spi" had no charm, for a boy soon gets tired of hiding when he has to go to work to find himself. And where is a boy who likes to work and "find himself."

The more we think about Adam's lonely boyhood, the more we are inclined to pity him. He never knew what a circus meant, at least not until Eve came and introduced him to one. But we have nothing to do with that now, as we are only treating of Adam's boyhood. True, there was a big menagerie all around him, but the animals were tame affairs; lambs and lions lying down together in the most spiritless concord, and the hippopotamuses and canary birds playing with each other like kittens. Little Adam never sat way up on the highest seat, and grazed awe-stricken, while a man in spangled tights swung whip in hand, into a cage of savage beasts that rolled their eyes, gnashed their teeth, and roared until the canvas overhead flapped for very fear. No, indeed. He never saw a thin-legged female in short skirts, ride a loping horse around a ring and jump through a hoop, while a man with his face painted white, and his mouth a red exaggeration, tells that convulsive story about stuffing hay into his shoes to fill them out, and his calves going down to eat the hay. Young Adam never saw "the old clown," though he came very soon after Adam's day, and the jokes he commenced with he has been getting off ever since.

And how about base ball? Do you suppose that Adam knew anything about that exhilarating diversion that is now doing so much toward developing the intellect of our American youth? There is no likelihood of it, not while he was a boy. His son Cain, however, seems to have been the first who got up a "club," but it was the death of his brother Abel.

While there were so many things that the boy Adam missed, think not that his solitary life was without its compensations. There was no other boy to steal his marbles, or hide his top, or jeer at him because he had to wear his big brother's cast-off clothes, or fix a bent pin for him to sit down on, or make faces at his sister, or spell him down, or steal his dinner, or tell on him when he had been in mischief, or beat him out of his sweetheart. Adam escaped these and a thousand other annoyances that boys subject each other to. He hadn't any brothers and sisters to tease and worry him, and with whom he was compelled to divide his play-things and any nice things to eat that might come that way. He could leave a piece of sweet-cake lying around anywhere, knowing that none of the rest of the children would touch it; and at night, on retiring, he could stick the "gum" on to the head-board, confident that it would rest undisturbed until morning.

Whatever trouble and annoyances his matrimonial life may have brought him, we find a kind of satisfaction in reflecting that Adam's boyhood was exceptionally free from care, and on that account we are bound to conclude that his life was not an entire failure.

"Speaking of razors," said the obsequious barber, as he tendered change for a quarter, "I believe Adam and Eve were the first razors, were they not?" The customer raised his chin and demanded to know if he was able to make another joke like that.

"Chickens alius come home to roost," is a mighty good proverb, but that don't allus apply in this part. I see I'm been out in all day an' all I find of mine that didn't roost home last night war a few fadders in de cul-lud preacher's backyard."—[Graphic.]

"The Cleveland Voice" thinks that the clergyman's text, "Shall We Stop Preaching," will surely apply to those who have never begun.

THANKSGIVING.

PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY GOVERNOR PHELPS.

STATE OF MISSOURI, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. It is proper we should give thanks to Almighty God for the innumerable blessings bestowed on us during the past year. We should manifest our gratitude that we have been spared from civil commotion, and that the pestilence which "walketh at noonday" has not darkened our homes with sorrow.

The labors of the husbandman have been rewarded and all branches of industry seem to revive. I, John S. Phelps, governor of Missouri, do therefore designate and set apart Thursday, the 28th day of this month, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer. I request the people on that day to abstain from their usual secular pursuits, and to assemble in their places of public worship to return thanks to Almighty God for blessings He has bestowed on us, and to pray for their continuance, and that His mercy may abide with us forever.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the State of Missouri. Done at the City of Jefferson this sixteenth day of November, A. D. 1878.

[SEAL.] JOHN S. PHELPS, By the Governor.

MICHAEL K. McGRATH, Secretary of State.

WIT AND HUMOR.

You cannot make a point clearer by straining it.

A loan woman: One who has money out at interest.

A private tooter: A recruit who plays the trombone.

It is superfluous to tell a toper to "pull in his horns."

The most perfect type of "sweet home" is the beehive.

Men of eye-dears: Loafers who stare at pretty women.

Even a blacksmith's bellows come times come to blows.

How to make a noise in the world: Strike for a blacksmith.

A new year and the time for swearing off will soon be here.

"Music hath charms"—and so hath a gray spider's watch-chain.

Caught in the act—an actor arrested during the progress of the play.

What a mockery to tell a man whose overcoat is in pawn to keep cool.

There are men so constitutionally dull that a blister will not make them smart.

We are most paradoxical creatures. We use blotting paper to keep from blotting paper.

A philosopher says that great want proceeds from great wealth. We know better than that.

A fellow in Chicago, who hit off half of a man's nose, was bound over to keep the piece.

Why is an honest bankrupt the same as a dishonest one? Because they both fail to make money.

The borrowing fiend, who is always a little short of change, is an enemy to whom no quarter should be shown.

The danger signals put up by the weather department of the army warn people to look out for borrowed umbrellas.

The thirst for continual novelty makes people throw away good almanacs at the end of every year and buy new ones.

There is no mistaking a real gentleman. When he approaches a free lunch table he always wants a napkin and a chair.

It is said that one of the bravest officers in the Russian army signs his name with his mark. He must be a soldier of the cross.

The leaves of trees, like summer boarders with bills unpaid, take their departure, leaving their trunks behind them.

This intoxicating statement is from the Cincinnati Saturday Night.

"Grant got sick of hides when he was a tanner; and he gets Heidsick yet, occasionally."

Do you want billiards to advance two dollars per bill? and opera tickets ten dollars per ticket? and ulsters ten dollars per ulster? Then vote the opposition ticket.

Philosophers say that shutting the eyes makes the sense of hearing more acute. A wag says that this accounts for the many closed eyes that are to be seen in church.

A word to the wise is sufficient, and yet there are preachers who will pay their congregations the doubtful compliment of talking at them for two hours on a stretch.—[N. O. Pic.]

"Is Lial in?" inquired a fellow, poking his head in at the door of a printing office. "Lial?" queried the boss; "what Lial?" "Belial," replied the man. He was referred to the devil.

What sort of a craft is it that always has a scent aboard.—[Boston Post.]

We have heard it said that a schooner of beer always has a scent aboard, but we never were sent aboard to find out.

The cactus plant will take root on a stone window sill, and be nourished with the promise of rain. Men who make a living by writing, consequently, have a sympathetic interest in the cactus.

When a man is hanging by his toes from the cornice of a high building, and expects momentarily to drop, nothing so completely reassures and thoroughly satisfies him as the sudden discovery that he is safely home in bed.

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While the lessons of the past should be constantly kept before the people, the Sun does not propose to make itself in 1879 a magazine of ancient history. It is printed for the men and women of to-day, whose concern is chiefly with the affairs of to-day. It has both the disposition and the ability to afford its readers the promptest, fullest, and most accurate intelligence of whatever in the wide world is worth attention. To this end the resources belonging to well-established property will be liberally employed.

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